



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

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Dear Richard Solomon:

We received your request for information on October 01, 2013, seeking the total number of H-1B and L-1 petitions filed since 8/13/10 that were subject to filing fees and the dollar amount of fees.

You requested the same information from USCIS under COW2011000957, which was closed on January 9, 2012 as a failure to pay the fee of \$96.00. Because you did not comply with the request for payment; your current request will not be fulfilled. Your case has been closed with no further action taken. If you wish to pursue this request, please pay the above fee.

Fees must be paid by check or money order made payable to the United States Treasury. Please note your control number on your check or money order. **When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day you make your payment.** A Privacy Act statement setting forth our authority for soliciting and collecting the information from your check, and explaining the purposes and routine uses which will be made of your check information, is available at the following internet site: <https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/index.htm>. To obtain a copy of the statement by mail call toll free 1-866-945-7920. Furnishing the check information is voluntary, but a decision not to do so may require you to make payment by some other method.

In addition; in your request, you seek a fee waiver. Under the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIA) fee waiver standard, 5 U.S.C § 552 (a)(4)(iii), two requirements must be met prior to a grant of a fee waiver. As stated, documents shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established, where the requester has demonstrated that:

- (1) disclosure is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and
- (2) disclosure is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

You failed to articulate how disclosure of the requested records is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. Furthermore, you failed to establish that disclosure is not in the commercial interest of the requester. Since you have not met the necessary requirements for a fee waiver, we are denying your fee waiver request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill A. Eggleston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "E".

Jill A. Eggleston  
Director, FOIA Operations